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SUBJECT:ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: OTTAWA 1847

1. WITH RESPECT TO INQUIRY MADE BY DAVID MILLER, CONTAINED REFTTEL, YOU MAY CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MILLER ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

2. WHEN U.S. MISSION DELIVERED U.S. NOTE TO ICRC ON JUNE 4, WE INFORMED GALLOPIN THAT USG CONSIDERED IT MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. WE SOUGHT EXPLICIT CONFIRMATION OF OUR ASSUMPTION THAT RESPONSES ICRC RECEIVED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. GALLOPIN SAID ICRC HAD DECIDED TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION CONCERNING RESPONSES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS UNTIL END OF JULY (DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES), AT WHICH TIME ICRC WILL REVIEW MATTER AND DECIDE ON FURTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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COURSE OF ACTION. WHEN U.S. MISSION STRESSED USG INTEREST

IN BEING KEPT INFORMED ON RESPONSES, GALLOPIN INDICATED
WILLINGNESS TO INFORM US ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

3. WE EXPECT GALLOPIN IS ALSO INFORMING OTHER GOVERNMENTS

IN SIMILAR MANNER, AS SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS WE HAVE TALKED
WITH HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED AS TO CONTENTS OF USG NOTE.

4. RECENTLY DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTED U.S. MISSION GENEVA TO
ACCEPT GALLOPIN'S OFFER. WE, HOWEVER, ASKED MISSION TO
INFORM ICRC THAT WE THINK IT CANNOT EXPECT TO KEEP
RESPONSES SECRET. OTHERWISE, WHATEVER THE RESULT OF THE
ICRC MAIL TALLY, IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO MISTRUST BY MANY
GOVERNMENTS. ON THIS KIND OF POLITICAL ISSUE, THE ICRC
SHOULD REALIZE THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST ACT IN PUBLIC AND BE
HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR POSITIONS. FURTHER, MANY GOV-
ERNMENTS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT VALIDITY OF AN
ADVERSE TALLY IF THEY WERE NOT ALSO SHOWN TEXTS OF RESPON-
SES BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT HAD RESPONDED. SISCO

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